



CWC DIGEST - AUG/SEPT



BOARD AND STAFF

- The CWC added the City of Holladay as a member jurisdiction represented by Councilperson Emily Gray.
- The Board appointed Jack Stauss, Director of Save Our Canyons, as a Special Advisor.
- The CWC's annual fiscal year audit has been completed with no material weaknesses found. [See the report here.](#)
- The CWC's [2024-2025 Annual Report](#) has been released.
- Draft update to the shuttle option outlined in the 2012 Mill Creek Canyon Transportation Feasibility Study is available. Public comment period open through 10/16. [Read the draft report and comment here.](#) [See the report on the first round of comments here.](#)
- The CWC will soon open a call for applications for a 9-hour-per-week Community Outreach Intern.
- The CWC unanimously approved a [resolution opposing the rescission of the 2001 Roadless Rule.](#)
- The Second Annual [Central Wasatch Symposium](#) will be January 8th and 9th 2026. [Tickets are 30% off now through November 5th.](#)
- Emory Schwieger, the research intern hired by the CWC in May, has completed a research report on land designations in the United States to help inform future efforts on the CWNCR. [Read the report here.](#)
- The CWC released two *Walking In The Wasatch* podcast episodes: [Educating the Next Generation of Central Wasatch Stewards with Helen Nadel](#) and [Fun with Tom Diegel.](#)





STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL

ECONOMY SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Canyon Funding needs project: The Committee has created a list of canyon funding needs and is expanding the effort out to the entire Stakeholders Council to add their input to the list.
- Next step will be to send out a survey to the entire SHC to rank and order the funding needs that people find to be most important.
- This will enable the Committee to present funding needs (and potential sources) to the CWC.

MILLCREEK CANYON COMMITTEE

- The recent focus of the Committee has been the scope of the Shuttle Feasibility Study Update that is being conducted by Fehr & Peers.
- The committee has also been discussing the availability of reliable traffic data from the fee booth, the possibility of obtaining conservation easements on several parcels, and the unfulfilled funding needs in the canyon.

ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- The Environment System Committee has been discussing ways to balance transportation planning with environmental protection, economic health, and sustainability.
- The Committee has discussed the common environmental goals of local businesses in the context of the upcoming 2034 Olympics.
- The Committee is discussing the Human Element portion of the Central Wasatch Dashboard and the data needed to show change over time and the environmental impact of those changes.
- Discussed the rescission of the Roadless Rule and its potential impact on the Central Wasatch and the CWNCR.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- The Committee is actively looking at, and seeking both long-term solutions to transit in the Wasatch that will have spillover benefits for all ski season transportation.
 - The Committee is discussing the cog rail proposal in LCC.
 - The Committee is discussing the potential for State appropriated UDOT funding to be used for enhanced (possibly year-round) busing.
 - The Committee is discussing enhanced bus service and pre-approved Traction Law Stickers for electronic tire/vehicle approval. Looking at potential for UDOT to install electronic sticker readers in BCC and LCC and a possible express lane for stickered vehicles and Ski Buses.
- Committee approval to draft a letter to the SHC, and ultimately the Board, to approve sending letters to the Rental Car Agencies. Letters would ask the agencies to provide traction-compliant vehicles, and both physical and electronic information for renters regarding the Traction Law, as well as tips for driving in Utah in the winter.

RECREATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

- Finalized Trails Brochure and agreed to forward to the Stakeholders Council for comments
- Began discussing topic for Symposium focusing on the Economic Value of Wilderness.
- Hope to plan recreation outings with the group, and potentially a recreation-based activity attached to the Symposium (with full awareness that it'll be in January!).

YOUTH COUNCIL (CWCYC)

The CWC Youth Council met on Monday, September 15th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Stakeholders, please reach out to Ben if you have any interest in attending future meetings or getting involved! Anyone is welcome!

The Youth Council is in the process of replacing the committee structure with an officer structure. Each individual member is assigned a role and given an attainable amount of work to do that will help them build skills while integrating them into the processes of the CWC. The officer roles are: CWC Board Liaison, Stakeholders Council Liaison, Writer in Residence, Digital Comms Officer, Community Outreach Officer, Short-Term Projects Grant Manager, and YC Outreach Officer.

The YC is also in the very early stages of creating grant proposals for their 2026 projects. They are looking at a west-side shuttle that will bring elementary school kids to the Wasatch Mountains. They are also considering a Youth Symposium to bring together many disparate college groups to synergize where they all intersect the Wasatch Mountains.



LOCAL EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Nature and Human Health Conference – October 23rd, 2025 Utah Cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City, 10am-4pm
- 2025 Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium – November 19, 2025.

QUESTIONS?

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